

County of Santa Cruz

HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY

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ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

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SECOND AND FINAL NOTICE SEPTIC FAILURE REPAIR ORDER

June 29, 2007

Arlen Haffner Casa De Montgomery 4753 Branciforte Drive Santa Cruz, CA 95065

Re: NOTICE TO REPAIR SEPTIC TANK SYSTEM APN: 100-161-06

Dear Mr. Haffner:

An inspection of your property located at 4573 Branciforte Drive, Santa Cruz, and Assessor's Parcel Number 100-161-06, on June 27, 2007, revealed non-compliance with the letter sent to you by Environmental Health Services dated November 9, 2006. A water sample taken from the culvert draining from your property on June 27, 2007 indicated fecal coliform levels of 4,700 cfu/100ml, which indicates a sewage leak from the line between the pump station and the evaporator. These conditions constitute a continuing violation of Section 5411 and 17980 of the California Health and Safety Code, and must be corrected. The following steps are to be taken:

- Immediately turn off the pump and have the holding tank pumped to prevent sewage discharge until the line is repaired.
- Investigate and eliminate possible broken tight-line, cross-connection or any other source of contamination contributing to this problem within 10 (ten) days of receipt of this letter.
- Comply with all additional requirements set forth by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board for replacement of the existing system.

We are aware that the Regional Water Quality Control Board is considering a prohibition on discharge of sewage to the existing system. If that occurs, the property would no longer be served by a legal sewage disposal system, which would be a violation of County Code Section 7.38.035 and the State Health Safety Code. If this occurs, the unit will be posted as Unfit for Human Occupancy and cannot be occupied until you install an approved sewage disposal system which meets state or County standards.

You must contact this office prior to taking any action to repair or replace any portion of your septic tank system. For any significant work, you will need to submit design plans and apply for a repair permit. Some additional site investigation may also be needed to confirm the suitability of the repair.

Compliance with these orders must be accomplished by the 10th day of receipt of this notice. Should the necessary work not be done, this department may institute summary abatement procedures and will refer the matter to the District Attorney for appropriate legal action. By Resolution of the Board of Supervisors, a second violation reinspection fee will be assessed if reinspection on or after the compliance date noted above reveals that the violation has not been corrected. Additionally, the County Building Department has been notified that no permit applications are to be accepted until the problem is resolved.

Please contact me as soon as possible at (831) 454-2748 between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., Monday through Friday. It is imperative that you achieve a speedy and satisfactory solution to this problem.

Sincerely,

Water Quality Specialist III

Enclosure: Violation reinspection invoice

cc: Morgan Taylor, District Attorney's Office
Todd Stanley, Regional Water Quality Control Board
Jerry Lemoine and Celia Brown, Consumer Protection